FOREWORD

The Sequoit Creek Watershed Management Plan was developed through a cooperative effort between the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission and representatives of the watershed's stakeholders. Many different entities, ranging from homeowner's associations to municipal governments and county agencies, consistently attended monthly meetings during the planning process. Over 15 public meetings were held to solicit input from the stakeholder committee.

The Sequoit Creek Watershed Management Plan was developed to provide a "blueprint" for reducing flood damages, improving water quality, and protecting natural resources in the watershed. The Plan is intended to assist private citizens and the local, State, and Federal units of government concerned with managing the water resources of this watershed in a cost-effective and environmentally sound manner.

The Plan contains a summary of data collected for the watershed, quantifies water resource-related problems, presents goals and objectives agreed upon by the stakeholder group, and presents a list of recommended actions for effectively managing the watershed's resources in concert with activities such as comprehensive planning, zoning, and transportation planning. The Plan provides a basis for inter-jurisdictional communication and coordination on water resources issues.

This Plan is an advisory document for stakeholders of the watershed, but we encourage stakeholders to endorse the Plan, utilize the document as a reference, and pursue implementation. This document does not contain subwatershed regulatory requirements, but instead provides proactive guidance on opportunities to balance the uses and demands on the watershed's resources to improve the quality of life for future generations.

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